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Through brown october aisles our feet shall pass, Down memory lanes - childhood long untrod.

Beyond remembered hills the ruddy sky Entreats us back to youth and close to God.

Have you forgotten how reluctant leaves Frost-crimsoned, amber glinted, fluttered down?

And how the purple hills were compassed quite By swirling wreaths of mist about their crown?

How pumpkins lay in serried ranks of gold Enchanted armies ripe for harvest haul?

And how the home road, wandering from the wood Unwound in sunlight like a knitting ball?

And then the still pond where the evergreens Found but a sunny mirror for their graces.

And farther on the slough where peering clouds Could scarce imprint the beauty of their faces.

How often we have parted lazy reeds To fill our arms with many a cat-tail staff.

While high above a mountain hemlock tossed where autumn guests sped ominous clouds like chaff.

And see, at last, I've found our chattering brook That knew bent pins, our only tackle there.

Alas, the leaping fish are free no more, They are the prey of shrewder anglers, men.

I stand and watch the wild autumnal skies, where gray scud makes the sun a ball of fire.

And though the stream spells peace, my sould aroused, would urge you back to all our young desires.

The loud woodpecker in the orchard taps -- He never was attentive to my tales---

The low sun lights the ribboned river span, The hurrying clouds are lovely as of yore.

And the glad wraiths that were our childhood's selves go handelasped homeward down the lanes once more.

Once more you draw the bucket, brimming, up To spill us nectar from our magic well.

While on the sunset pathway of the west, All life's regrets fade out beneath a spell.

As though the years had faded, in between, And only childhood answered evening's bell.

So down October's aisles with me, Love, For those who never turn the life-clock back, Miss that one loveliest thing that Time allows, The tryst of memory in childhood's track.

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